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BOOK REVIEWS.

STREET RAILWAY REPORTS, ANNOTATED. Edited by Frank B. Gilbert, of the Albany Bar, 1904. Matthew Bender, Publisher, Albany, N. Y. Vol. I.

This is the first volume of a series of reports which will be greatly valued by those engaged in the street railway practice. It is proposed to report in this series all current cases decided in the federal courts, in the courts of last resort of all the states, and the important cases decided in the lower courts of original or appellate jurisdiction, from April 1st, 1903. The series will contain all cases relating in any way to the management, operation, or control of street railways, as well as their rights, duties and liabilities. It is proposed to annotate all these cases carefully and exhaustively. Judging from the first volume, which contains copious and well-arranged notes, the series will prove most valuable. The editor in his collection of cases for the first volume, has not overlooked the recent valuable decisions of the Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals.

COMMERCIAL PAPER AND THE NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS LAW. By James W. Eaton and Frank B. Gilbert, 1903. Publisher: Matthew Bender, Albany, N. Y.

This work is timely in view of the recent general adoption of the negotiable instruments law, now in force in about twenty-five of the states. All the principles of the law of commercial papers are considered in their connection with the Negotiable Instruments Law. It is exceedingly helpful to the practitioner to have the subject treated from such a view point, especially in Virginia and the other states where the N. I. L. is in force. The New York statute is published in full, with a reference to where each section may be found in the Virginia act and the acts as they exist in other states. Both of the authors are writers of established reputation, and the work bears the mark of experience, and the full appreciation of the necessity of so arranging and classifying the matter as to make it readily accessible to the busy practitioner.

STREET RAILROAD ACCIDENT LAW. A complete Treatise on the Principles and Rules of Law applied by the Courts of the States and Territories of the United States and Canada in determining the liability of Street Railroads for injuries to the person and property by accidents to passengers, employes and travelers on the public streets and highways, and on the pleading and practice in the various jurisdictions in street railroad accident litigation. By Andrew J. Nellis, of the Albany, N. Y., Bar, author of "The Law of Street Surface Railroads." Matthew Bender, Albany, N. Y., publisher. 1904.

The phenomenal development of the electric street railway system in recent years and the consequent enormous increase of street railway accident litigation makes this work a most welcomed addition to the lawyer's li-

brary. A work on no other subject could have at this time filled a more urgent need. The author had already made for himself an enviable reputation as an author, and his present treatise will have great weight with the profession. The success of a modern law book depends largely upon the ability of its author to properly analyze his subject and to classify the principles deduced from the authorities in a natural and logical manner. In this respect, Mr. Nellis has performed his task admirably.